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13 September 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director, CIA
THROUGH: Assistant Director for Special Operations
SUBJECT: Submission of Personal Opinions Before Government Boards

1. The attached letter which requests me to submit in writing my personal opinions on communications matters is invited to your attention.

2. While I greatly appreciate the honor of being a recipient of such a request for the expression of my personal opinions on communications matters for the benefit of the President's Communications Policy Board, I feel that due to my position in this organization anything that I might write could be taken to represent agency policy.

3. It also appears to me that the question of security is involved inasmuch as I am an officer of an intelligence organization.

4. I understand that the submission of the requested opinions is entirely voluntary and the letter is not to be considered in the nature of a directive.

5. Your guidance is requested in order that I may properly conform to the policies of this Agency in this matter.

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*DCI stated, "furnishing
personal opinions contrary
to CIA policy and specifically
prohibited in this case"*

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PRESIDENT'S COMMUNICATIONS POLICY BOARD

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

August 25, 1950

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2430 E Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

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Dear [Redacted]

President Truman, in creating this Board under Executive Order No. 10110, a copy of which is attached, directs the Board to study broad communication policy matters as well as several specific aspects of communication activity.

In the pursuit of these studies, the Board must necessarily engage in a great deal of fact-finding. While statements and expressions from interested agencies produce useful information, the Board is also keenly aware of the valuable contributions to the Board's work which can be made through expressions of personal opinion on the part of individuals of recognized standing and ability in the field of communications.

With this thought in mind, the Board invites an expression of your personal opinion relative to the issues embraced by the Executive Order.

There appears to be widespread feeling that one of the outstanding problems concerning the use of radio is the scarcity of radio frequencies, and you may therefore wish to address yourself to that problem. However, please feel free to express yourself upon any phase of the matter.

It will be greatly appreciated if your comments can be made available to the Board in writing, preferably four copies. If you wish the source of any expressions that you may make confined to the Board and its Staff, please so indicate in order that such confidence will be respected.

Sincerely yours,


F. C. Alexander

Attachment